

# JAFFA TEMPLE



ALTOONA, PENNA.

April 27, 1916

# JAFFA TEMPLE

Ancient Arabic Order of the  
**Nobles of the Mystic Shrine**

Oasis, Altoona  
Desert, Pennsylvania

ILLUSTRIOUS NOBLES ATTEND!

Jamaz Ul Akhir

FIFTH DAY  
SIXTH MONTH

Hejira 1334

Corresponding to

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27th, 1916**

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

**Business and Ceremonial Session**

Starting  
of the  
Pilgrims

Great Commemoration in Honor of

**SEYYID AHMED ER RUFAI**

Oriental  
Mysticism



AND



Burning  
Sands

**Festival of Hassan and Hussein**

Entrance  
Into Mecca

**It Is Better Than a Thousand Nights**



**TRADITIONAL FEAST**



WILSON A. TURNER,  
Recorder

SAMUEL A. MARTIN,  
Illustrious Potentate



## Hear, Oh Ye Faithful!

Your Illustrious Potentate, having received reliable information from his true and trusty advisers, that in the several Oasis' surrounding us there are many of the "Un-regenerate" who have an extreme and longing desire to eat salt with us,

**Therefore,**

out of pity and compassion for these ignoble and erring ones, and because our Camels are in great need of some good, strong and wholesome food after their long fast, he commands you to assemble within the sheltering walls of our Mosque on



**Thursday, April 27, 1916,**

Bringing with you a goodly number of these Sons of Darkness, and deliver them unto the tender mercies of the Directors and the Patrol, who will endeavor to shed bright rays of sunshine upon them, make their pathway smooth and easy, and finally impress upon them so forcibly our sublime teachings, that they will become as humble servants unto us, and thus entitle them to become members of the True Tribe.

The Panther Bodied Sphinx, with features meek,  
Will once more raise her voice and speak,  
And what has been so still and dumb  
Now cries aloud "You'd better come."



SAMUEL A. MARTIN  
ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE



## Potentate's Greetings

DEAR NOBLES:—

At the annual meeting held in December last, you honored me with the highest gift in your power to bestow by electing me Potentate of Jaffa Temple, which honor I highly appreciate after having served from the bottom to the top. The success of the Temple depends on the membership and unless the Officers have the united support of all, their labor is in vain.

The Potentate's Reception held in February, was one of the largest attended affairs held in Jaffa Temple, and was entered into with such cordiality and good fellowship that it made me feel it was good to have been there, and later with the Masquerade Ball and Reception, held jointly with the Ladies' Auxiliary of Mountain Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, surely gave everybody an opportunity to enjoy the pleasures and beauties of our Temple.

With the coming of our Ceremonial Session, it will give every Noble an opportunity of working for the good of Jaffa, not waiting to let only the few bring in additional members, so our membership may be increased not only with the quantity but quality as well.

One of the grand things that has been advanced by Jaffa is the Widows' Benefit Fund, which has been growing so that we have nearly realized the 500 mark, but this should not be the zenith of our ambitions, but rather let us set the mark at 1,000 members and let us all strive for that purpose, so that none may say of us when we are called to that Unseen Temple not made with hands, that we have failed in our duty.

The next session of the Imperial Council will be held in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., July 11-12-13, 1916, and the members of Ismailia Temple are making every effort to make it a grand success.

One of the greatest pleasures we can bring ourselves is to extend the glad hand to each other as we meet at our different meetings, and instead of waiting for an introduction, let us all join ourselves into a Reception Committee, and then when we have parted we know we will meet again.

So let us lay aside our troubles and cares and meet each other at our Session on April 27th.

Yours in the Faith,

SAMUEL A. MARTIN,  
Potentate.

## BUSINESS SESSION

4 P. M.

Petitions will be received and acted upon.

Petitions must be in the hands of the Recorder not later than 4 o'clock P. M., as the Temple will be opened promptly on time.

Recommenders will please have all Novices at Jaffa Temple by 5 o'clock P. M.

**YOU WILL NEED YOUR RED, YELLOW AND GREEN  
1916 CARD IN ORDER TO GAIN ADMISSION.**

Positively No One Can Be Admitted Without It.

Visitors With the Proper Passports Are Always Welcome in  
Jaffa Temple.

Eventually You Will Pay Your Dues. Why Not Now?



EDDIE

The cheerful face and friendly greeting  
Of Eddie, our Noble Outer Guard,  
For the Noble who comes to meeting  
Without his Red, Yellow and Green  
Card.

The Temple bells are calling  
And it's there that I would be,  
With our dear old Jaffa Shriners  
Where there's sure some fun to be.

### CANDIDATES

We need them, as our Camel is hungry after his long fast.  
The Fee Is Still \$50.00.

**TRADITIONAL FEAST  
6 P. M.**

**CEREMONIAL SESSION  
7.30 P. M.**



## Recorder's Notes

Nobles, the Potentate respectfully requests you to refrain from smoking during the FIRST SECTION OF THE CEREMONIAL.

Bring your Fez, your dress suit (if you possibly can), a cheerful smile and your GLAD HAND.

Noble George F. Beaver and his band of faithful Stewards promise to fill you to overflowing with the good things they have prepared, and you know when they say good EATS you will have something fine to enjoy, not only in anticipation, but in realization.

Noble Steve Harkness and his Bunch of Directors are working hard to make your sojourn here one of jollity, mirth and enjoyment, one you can appreciate fully, even though the "Unfortunates" do not.

Noble Charles V. Swengle says: "Just watch the Patrol drill their new Tango Step. It will electrify you with it's novelty and uniqueness and show you they are a real live BUNCH."

Noble Frank A. Hersh and Jaffa Temple Band will furnish the sweet, soft, plaintive and soothing music that will soothe the ruffled feelings of the "Unregenerates" and lull them into a state of happiness and joy.

## Widows' Benefit Fund

The Widow's Benefit Fund has now 497 members, and is still growing. This is a great work Jaffa is doing, as it carries relief into the stricken home at a time it is needed most, and is one which every member of Jaffa Temple in good standing is eligible to join. It will cost you \$2.20 to become a member and pays benefits as follows:

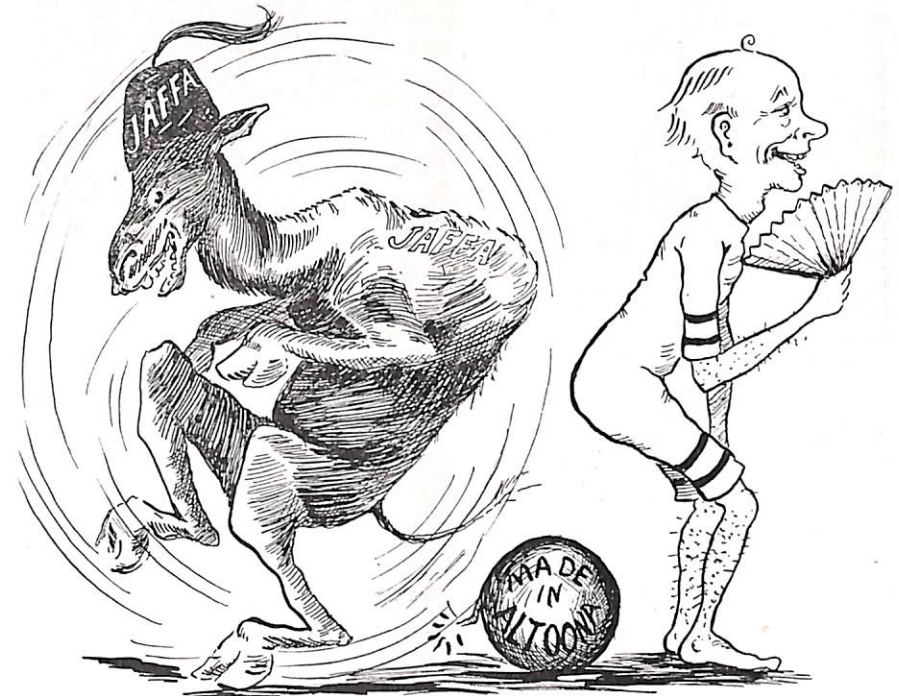
300 members and until it reaches 500 members.....	\$ 300 00
500 members and until it reaches 1,000 members.....	500 00
1,000 members and over.....	1,000 00

It is the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer immediately upon the death of a member to at once pay over in cash to the beneficiary the amount of the claim, without any red tape.

If you have not already joined, you can get an application blank, fill it in, signing name, age and beneficiary (your wife, children or any one to whom you choose to be benefited thereby), then send it to the Secretary-Treasurer, Wilson A. Turner, with \$2.20.

In the event of the death of a member of the fund, a contribution of \$1.10 will be collected from each member.

## Novice Comforters



Don't get nervous and uneasy when you hear the animals roar.  
But keep your eyes (if you can see) on the Director, not the door.  
Don't get hot under the collar, for that would burn your skin.  
Don't think you are the only pebble, for we will spend your tin.  
Many a Novice who starts in with cold feet, makes a hot finish.  
Don't get angry if you get kicked, and don't kick if you get angry.  
Leave all your cares and troubles at home. New ones a-plenty await you here.

The sands of the desert are as soothing and comfortable unto the feet as mustard and hot water.

Our Temple goats are fat and sleek,  
The camels in their prime,  
And every Novice, bold or meek,  
Is bound to have a time.

If you are newly wed, it makes a sad, sad case indeed.

Bring your cyclone cellar along, for the sandstorms here are frequent and violent.

The only place we have use for yellow is in the middle of our 1916 cards, but as you can't show that, don't show any.

NOBLE JAMES G. HUMER  
ALTOONA, PA.  
CREATED MAY 26, 1890  
DIED FEBRUARY 12, 1916

NOBLE LUTHER M. BENNETT  
JOHNSTOWN, PA.  
CREATED APRIL 19, 1912  
DIED MARCH 18, 1916

NOBLE JOHN GOWLAND  
PHILIPSBURG, PA.  
CHARTER CLASS  
CREATED OCTOBER 3, 1903  
DIED MARCH 29, 1916

NOBLE JOHN WADDELL  
SEWARD, PA.  
CREATED APRIL 19, 1912  
DIED MARCH 30, 1916

"From the dust of the weary highway,  
From the smart of sorrow's rod;  
Into the Royal presence  
They were bidden as guests of God."





## Official Divan, 1916

Samuel A. Martin.....Illustrious Potentate  
 Harry B. Hershey .....Chief Rabban  
 William J. Smith .....Assistant Rabban  
 S. Edward Gearhart.....High Priest and Prophet  
 George W. Winter.....Oriental Guide  
 Robert C. Wilson .....Treasurer  
 Wilson A. Turner .....Recorder  
 Samuel C. Walker .....First Ceremonial Master  
 John J. McMurray .....Second Ceremonial Master  
 McClellan Wilson .....Marshal  
 Levi B. Myers .....Captain of Guard  
 Edwin G. Geesey.....Outer Guard  
 James C. Mathers.....Assistant Outer Guard  
 Stephen K. Harkness.....Director  
 William J. Beam.....Assistant Director  
 Charles R. Gonsman .....Assistant Director  
 Scott H. Steele .....Assistant Director  
 Adam H. Ulrich .....Assistant Director  
 William E. Fross .....Assistant Director  
 Russell L. Gwin .....Assistant Director  
 Charles V. Swengle.....Captain of Patrol  
 Frank A. Hersh.....Director of Jaffa Temple Band  
 George R. McCormick .....Electrician  
 Louis D. Heess.....Assistant Electrician  
 L. Walter Davis .....Assistant Electrician  
 William H. Wolfe .....Alchemist  
 Charles F. Harris .....Master of Robes  
 Proctor T. Miller .....Official Knocker  
 David A. Little.....Pyramid Decorator  
 H. P. Wilson.....Keeper of the Diamonds  
 Walter F. Enfield.....Hunter for the Sacred (Mythical Goat)  
 Alfred L. Anderson.....Chief Gardner of the Ice Plant

### Trustees

James E. Smith William W. Blake Miles R. Keesey

### Executive Committee

Samuel A. Martin Harry B. Hershey William J. Smith  
 Andrew R. Patrick George W. Winter

### Representatives

A. Lincoln Feltwell John Henry Lape  
 Otto Franke Bradley T. Frazier

### Past Potentates

\*George F. Jackson Wilbur A. Rice  
 Charles T. Derick William W. Rudisill  
 Andrew S. Stayer George E. Hamilton  
 John Henry Lape William G. Breisacher  
 John C. Schomberg A. Lincoln Feltwell

\*Deceased.

## Official Divan—Continued

### Directors Jaffa Temple Improvement Association

James E. Smith William W. Blake David A. Little  
 J. Emory McDowell Samuel A. Martin  
 Miles R. Keesey Charles M. Kurtz

### Stewards

George F. Beaver Joseph M. Howe S. Grant Steel  
 George B. Lamm Lester C. Smith  
 William D. Davis William G. Morgan

### Entertainment Committee

Andrew R. Patrick Charles E. McEldowney Lloyd Cooper  
 George W. Winter Harry L. Wilson  
 E. Arthur Caum, Jr. John R. Martin

### Charity Committee

Miles R. Keesey George H. Wray Harry E. Gamble

### Committee to Visit the Sick

Clarence J. Kiefer George Russell George F. Beaver

### Jaffa Temple Patrol

Charles V. Swengle.....Captain  
 Earl F. McDowell.....First Lieutenant  
 Samuel L. Detwiler.....Second Lieutenant

David F. Adams	D. Frank Knisely	Andrew R. Patrick
Alfred O. Adler	George B. Koller	Thomas J. Patschke
Lloyd Cooper	William F. Lehman	Jacob G. Snyder
Harry R. Cozzens	Henry Lecrone	Elwood W. Swoope
Ernest R. Durst	John R. Martin	J. Todd Stewart
Harry L. Davenport	Arthur I. Martin	Clyde C. Smith
D. Stanley Eckhardt	William S. Milliken	Maurice A. Toomey
Jacob B. Felty	Hugh L. McMeen	Wesley G. Trimble
Samuel Z. Gingrich	David S. Miller	E. Raymond Smith
Isaac M. Irwin	Collins A. Overdorff	Augustus W. Weidner
William G. Imler	T. Chester Parsons	

### Jaffa Temple Band

Frank A. Hersh.....Director		
Carl W. Burket	Cloyde W. Edwards	Henry H. Meyer
Paul P. Brooks	John K. Findlay	George W. Miller
Tracy V. Buckwalter	William A. Jones	Cloyd P. Pannebaker
Clarence D. Coleman	B. Frank James	James H. Peterman
E. Arthur Caum, Jr.	Henry O. Jones	Milton E. Stiffer
Wallace B. Caum	Don M. Kimmel	William Swank
John R. Calder	Charles E. Keller	Harry C. Schmiermund
Emory H. Davis	Thaddeus F. Lewis	Otto Sann
Willis E. Davis	Robert B. McCune	Harvey Tibbott
Parke M. Davis	Harry L. McIntire	H. Kurtz Weiser
L. Walter Davis	William G. Munn	Charles T. Weiss
Jesse S. Decker	Joseph H. Moore	

## Treasurer's Report

Received from Recorder, Receipts Nos. 499-552.....	\$14,554 90
Balance on Hand January 1st, 1915.....	305 62—\$14,860 52
Paid Out on Vouchers Nos. 1049-1222.....	\$14,345 03
Balance on Hand December 31st, 1915.....	515 49—\$14,860 52

ROBERT C. WILSON,  
Treasurer.

### RECORDER'S REPORT.

#### Receipts.

Fees .....	\$7,199 00
Dues .....	6,431 00
Rent .....	676 64
Stewards .....	201 26
Refund, P. R. R. Co.....	25 00
Cigar Machine (net profits).....	22 00
Balance in Treasury January 1st, 1915.....	305 62—\$14,860 52

#### Expenditures.

Jaffa Improvement Association, Rent.....	\$3,600 00
Trustees .....	3,430 93
Johnstown Ceremonial .....	2,230 46
Banquets—April 22nd, December 10th.....	955 44
Band and Patrol Uniforms (final payments).....	904 29
Recorder, Salary .....	500 00
Recorder, Postage and Supplies .....	210 00
Ceremonial Expenses, April 22nd, December 10th.....	487 30
B. W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, Annual Dues.....	235 50
B. W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, Diplomas.....	165 00
Flowers for Sick and Deceased Members.....	209 50
Ceremonial Notices, April 22nd, December 10th.....	205 00
Paraphernalia .....	326 21
Fez for Novices .....	122 86
Entertainments and Dances .....	149 79
Printing and Supplies .....	146 75
Charity .....	150 00
Token for Retiring Potentate .....	110 00
Telephone Rent .....	57 54
Furniture .....	58 34
Return Fees .....	55 00
Cleaning Uniforms .....	21 37
The Crescent .....	10 00
Victrola Records .....	3 75
Balance in Treasury December 31st, 1915.....	515 49—\$14,860 52

### RECORDER'S SUPPLIES.

Received from Temple During Year.....	\$210 00
Balance on Hand January 1st, 1915.....	2 20—\$ 212 20

#### Expenditures.

Postage .....	\$159 14
Supplies .....	15 99
P. O. Box Rent.....	8 00
Telegrams and Telephone Calls.....	7 47
Stencils and Frames .....	5 55
Express .....	3 97
Balance on Hand December 31st, 1915.....	12 08—\$ 212 20

### MEMBERSHIP OF JAFFA TEMPLE, 1,451.

Membership January 1st, 1915.....	1,451
Created During the Year .....	142
Admitted by Affiliation from Other Temples.....	3
Restored .....	1— 1,597
Members Died During the Year.....	13
Members Suspended During the Year.....	12
Members Dimitted During the Year.....	2— 27
Membership December 31st, 1915.....	1,570

#### Outstanding Dues.

Dues for 1915.....	\$388 00
Dues for 1914.....	81 00
Dues for 1913.....	4 00
Dues for 1912.....	4 00—\$ 477 00

WILSON A. TURNER,  
Recorder.

### WIDOW'S BENEFIT FUND.

Membership December 31st, 1915.....	398
Membership April 10, 1916.....	497

#### Receipts.

For Benefit Fund .....	\$796 00
For Contingent Fund .....	79 60—\$ 875 60

#### Expenses.

H. C. Dunmire, Ledgers.....	\$ 32 65
Postage .....	8 00
Stencils and Frames .....	7 07—\$ 47 72
Balance in Hands of Treasurer December 31st, 1915.....	\$ 827 88

WILSON A. TURNER,  
Secretary-Treasurer.



## TRUSTEES REPORT.

### Receipts.

From Jaffa Temple .....\$ 3,430 93

### Expenditures.

For Jaffa Improvement Association Stock.....	\$1,750 00
Janitor .....	840 00
Electric Light and Power.....	310 78
Supplies, Labor, Laundry and Cleaning.....	253 88
Coal .....	179 17
Gas .....	38 94
Insurance .....	37 60
Repairs .....	10 51
Hardware .....	10 05—\$ 3,430 93

### ASSETS.

Jan. 1st, 1915, 1,227 Shares Jaffa Improvement Association Stock....	\$30,675 00
Bought 70 " " " " " " .....	1,750 00
Donated 4 " " " " " " .....	100 00
Total.....	\$32,525 00

J. E. SMITH,  
W. W. BLAKE,  
M. R. KEESEY,  
Trustees.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT—JAFFA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

To the Officers and Stockholders of Jaffa Improvement Association:  
Gentlemen: We, your Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, Secretary and Financial Secretary, have performed that duty and found them to be correct. The books show as follows to January 28th, 1916:

### Receipts.

Rent .....	\$3,400 00
Stock .....	1,748 00
Loans .....	500 00
Keys .....	3 00
Balance in Treasury January 29th, 1915.....	30 41—\$ 5,681 41

### Expenditures.

Loans Repaid .....	\$2,000 00
Interest .....	1,535 50
Renewal of Mortgage.....	260 00
Taxes .....	765 85
Insurance .....	349 20
Repairs .....	282 70
New Equipment .....	219 12
Water Rent .....	53 21
Printing and Postage .....	6 30
Safety Deposit Box, Rent.....	2 00
Balance in Treasury January 28th, 1916.....	207 53—\$ 5,681 41

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE H. WRAY,  
FRED A. BELL,  
S. C. WALKER,  
Auditing Committee.

## INDEBTEDNESS OF JAFFA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

Indebtedness as per Last Report, January 29th, 1915.....\$29,500 00

Present Indebtedness Is:

Mortgage, Pennsylvania Trust Co.....	\$26,000 00
Note, Mountain City Trust Co.....	2,000 00— 28,000 00

**Reduction of Indebtedness during year - - - \$1,500.00**

Yours in the Faith,

JAMES E. SMITH,  
President.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Stockholders of Jaffa Improvement Association:

I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending January 28th, 1916:

Money Received from Stock Subscriptions and Paid to J. Emory McDowell, Treasurer .....\$ 1,748 00

Stock Account Shows as Follows:

No. of Shares Issued to January 29th, 1915.....	1,914
No. of Shares Issued During the Year.....	70

Total No. of Shares Issued to January 28th, 1916.....1,984

No. of Members of Jaffa Temple Holding Stock.....	333
No. of Other Holders of Stock.....	5

Total Individual Holders of Stock.....338

Members of Jaffa Temple Have Donated 21 Shares.....	\$525 00
Other Subscribers Have Dnoated 10 Shares.....	250 00

Total Donated .....\$775 00

Trustees of Jaffa Temple Hold 1,301 Shares, Value.....	\$32,525 00
Other Subscribers Hold 683 " " .....	17,075 00

Total .....1,984 " " .....\$49,600 00

Paid on Account of Stock Subscriptions..... 956 50

Total.....\$50,556 50

Amount Overdue on Subscriptions..... 3,161 50

Courteously yours,

WILSON A. TURNER,  
Financial Secretary.

## Committeemen

The following Nobles constitute our Home and Out-of-Town Committee. Your Potentate has added to their well known duties an extra duty, as well as pleasure; that is, he wants each member of this Committee to be at Jaffa Temple on all Ceremonial occasions, and act as a Reception Committee, to extend the glad hand of welcome to all the Nobles upon their arrival, especially those from a distance:

Joseph Burgart .....	Altoona	Edwin McD. Painter.....	Hopewell
George W. Clapper.....	Altoona	John P. Weber.....	Howard
Herbert D. Williams.....	Altoona	Howard C. Frontz.....	Huntingdon
E. M. S. McKee.....	Altoona	Josiah C. Hall.....	Huntingdon
James B. Mitchell.....	Austin	William S. Hamilton.....	Indiana
James H. Allport.....	Barnesboro	William H. Strauss.....	Johnstown
John R. Musser.....	Barnesboro	Ernest G. Owen.....	Johnstown
Alvin L. Little.....	Bedford	Roy C. Stormer.....	Johnstown
Walter F. Enfield.....	Bedford	Otto Franke .....	Johnstown
George E. VanBrunt.....	Bellwood	Edwin G. Geesey.....	Juniata
Donald M. Kimmel.....	Berlin	Allison H. Evy.....	Lewistown
George T. Bush.....	Bellefonte	Thomas A. Deise.....	Lock Haven
W. Harrison Walker..	Bellefonte	Joseph M. Grube.....	Lindsey
Henry J. Scott.....	Brookville	Wharton M. Cronister.....	Martha
Byron M. Moore.....	Brookville	Charles P. Large.....	Meyersdale
John Gould .....	Brisbin	James Macklin .....	McVeytown
William B. Hammond.....	Bolivar	J. Walter Barr.....	Nanty Glo
Forrest L. Ferrell.....	Boswell	William H. Denlinger.....	Patton
Robert A. Bantle.....	Burnham	James P. Spackman.....	Grass Flat
William J. Buhr.....	Conemaugh	Francis W. Archey....	Penna. Furnace
Pearl T. Davis.....	Clearfield	John S. Miller.....	Petersburg
O. Bruce Porter.....	Clearfield	Harry D. Rumberger....	Philipsburg
George H. Jacquish.....	Clymer	Carl Dinger .....	Philipsburg
Conrad Wendroth .....	Cresson	Thomas M. Pringle.....	Portage
Walter C. Perry.....	Chest Springs	John H. Fink.....	Punxsutawney
George L. Benner.....	Curwensville	Thomas McMillen.....	Punxsutawney
Walton K. Swetland....	Coudersport	Arthur P. Pfoutz.....	Renovo
Isaac C. Hess.....	Duncansville	Charles B. Swenson.....	Renovo
Joseph S. Johnston.....	Driftwood	Joseph D. Snyder.....	Rockwood
John W. Bailey.....	DuBois	Joseph H. Lepsch.....	Ridgway
William G. Brown.....	DuBois	William A. Nason.....	Roaring Spring
Raymond R. Fider....	East Sharpsburg	John H. Kaucher.....	Reynoldsville
S. Stewart Kinkead.....	Ebensburg	Ira S. Smith.....	Reynoldsville
Emory H. Davis.....	Ebensburg	Thomas C. Fulton.....	Saxton
C. Jay Goodnough.....	Emporium	Samuel B. Stoler.....	Saxton
David R. Branson.....	Emporium	Aaron C. Holbert.....	Somerset
Harry W. Bender.....	Everett	Josiah Swank .....	Somerset
John C. Dingwall.....	Expedit	Clyde A. Fitzgerald.....	South Fork
Howard E. Holtzworth....	Fleming	John G. Broad.....	South Fork
Thomas D. Dingwall.....	Gallitzin	Milton S. McDowell....	State College
Jonathan Currier .....	Grampian	William H. Straub.....	St. Mary's
Joseph O. Clark.....	Glen Campbell	Thadeus Stine .....	Tyrone
Henry J. VanDusen.....	Hastings	Jonathan McW. Goheen....	Tyrone
Plymouth W. Snyder....	Hollidaysburg	Frank K. Mattern.....	Warriors Mark
Isaac M. Irwin.....	Hollidaysburg	Albert G. Bantley.....	Windber
John T. Foulke.....	Houtzdale	David M. Thompson....	Williamsburg